

SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-0)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;

Tomato Picker Pickets and Members  
(Unnamed) of United Farm Workers Union;  
San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office  
Stockton, California - Complainant  
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OO: Sacramento

Re Sacramento FD-365 dated 7/26/74, and Sacramento  
nitel to the Bureau, 7/30/74.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies  
of an LHM concerning captioned matter. One copy of the  
LHM has been disseminated to the USA, Sacramento.

This matter will continue to be followed at  
Stockton, California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Sacramento, California  
August 1, 1974

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On July 30, 1974, Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) William B. Shubb, Sacramento, California, advised that he had telephonically discussed the captioned matter with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] informed him that their position in this matter was that the civil rights of sheriff's personnel and the Sheriff's Office were being violated by the pickets due to the intimidation of sheriff's personnel by the Mexican-American tomato picker pickets, thereby requiring law enforcement assignment to the picket sites beyond normal strength and thereby depriving other citizens of equal protection of law by virtue of the fact that they are not Mexican-Americans. AUSA Shubb stated he advised [REDACTED] that his complaint was considered unique and informed him that a Departmental decision as to the merits of the complaint would be in order and suggested [REDACTED] may desire to confer with Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, U. S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

In an article appearing in the "Stockton Record" daily newspaper dated July 26, 1974, [REDACTED] is quoted as stating, "My men are being subjected to extensive verbal

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abuse and are having to go to extraordinary means to prevent the violations of personal and property rights of others." "We are being compelled to be in attendance (at the tomato fields) in great numbers because of the conduct and misconduct of people at the scene. This denies the public's right to deputy protection. The public's right to be protected is in jeopardy." The article further states that [REDACTED] to his knowledge, knew of no other law enforcement agency filing civil rights charges in similar situations, and when asked what kind of relief the (U. S.) Department of Justice can provide, [REDACTED] is quoted as stating, "I am not sure. This is kind of a unique thing and it has not been fully explored."

[REDACTED] San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office (SJCSO), on July 30, 1974, advised that incidents occurring out of the tomato picker picketing were relatively uneventful on July 27 through 29, 1974. However, five picket arrests on trespassing and assault on law enforcement officer charges had been made July 30, 1974. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. Fred Grey, representative of the Community Relations Division, U. S. Department of Justice, San Francisco, California, has continued to be an observer to the picketing activity in the vicinity of Stockton as of July 30, 1974.

Further contact with the SJCSO resulted in information that an incident occurred on July 30, 1974, at a Stockton street intersection near a tomato field wherein tomato picker pickets and members of the United Farm Workers (UFW) had staged a sit-in. This incident related to the fact that the pickets were insisting on the arrest of a tomato grower representative whom they accused of deliberately injuring several UFW workers by driving his pick-up into the group. A meeting occurred

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between officers of the SJCSO, a Deputy District Attorney from San Joaquin County, an attorney representing the UFW, and Mr. Manuel Chavez, cousin of UFW leader Cesar Chavez. At this time, according to the SJCSO, when a complaint was not forthcoming for the arrest of the grower representative, Chavez accused the SJCSO of being a racist police department, that they were on the growers' side, that they were going to hear from them, that they were going out into the community to get them (SJCSO), and stated that f--- the police, we are going to take them on. Chavez departed the scene of the sit-in at that point after talking to his people.

Tomato picking activity in the Stockton vicinity has been curtailed as of August 1, 1974, due to the drop in the eastern market and a corresponding drop in picketing activity has occurred and is anticipated to be somewhat reduced for the immediate period. However, UFW demonstrations are occurring at the county courthouse, and it is anticipated that there will be some courtroom disruption when the Mexican-American defendants who have been arrested by the SJCSO are brought in for court appearance.

[REDACTED] in a radio news broadcast in (b)(7)(c)  
Stockton stated that the matter concerning his allegation of civil rights violations against his department is under consideration by the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice.

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Date: 7/26/74

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

- ☐ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☐ CRIMINAL SECTION  
☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

From: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-0)

Subject: UNSUBS; Tomato Picker Pickets and  
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☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

Allegations of deprivation of civil rights on the part of tomato picker pickets and United Farm Worker Union members of tomato growers in the vicinity of Stockton, California, and law enforcement personnel assigned to picket activities of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Stockton, California, for the period July 24-26, 1974.

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☐ LHM enclosed  
☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted  
☐ Investigation continuing

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☐ Secret Service  
☐ ATF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California

July 26, 1974

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United Farm Workers Union;  
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In connection with the tomato harvest in San Joaquin County, there have been instances of picketing of the tomato fields in the vicinity of Stockton, California, by so-called unaffiliated tomato pickers and members of the United Farm Workers Union. As a result of this picketing activity, there were arrests of a total of eight pickets on July 24, 1974, on principally trespassing charges, followed by the arrest of three pickets during the early portion of July 26, 1974. (S)(e)

[REDACTED] of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, on July 25 and 26, 1974, advised that their office met with representatives of the San Joaquin County Tomato Growers Association and others and [REDACTED] at which time discussion was held as to filing a civil rights complaint on the part of the growers alleging deprivation of the grower's rights to conduct the harvest in a peaceful manner.

[REDACTED] on July 26, 1974, advised that their office, on the afternoon of July 25, 1974, had conferred with Mr. Edward Howden and Mr. Fred Gray, representatives of

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the Community Relations Division, U.S. Department of Justice, San Francisco, California, and had made a complaint during the Stockton meeting relative to the civil rights of the personnel of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office involved in keeping the peace during the picketing activity of the tomato fields. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c) stated that it was their contention that their deputies were being harassed, injured and interfered with in performance of their duty which was considered a violation of their civil rights. Further, it was their contention that citizens of the San Joaquin County community were being deprived of full law enforcement protection due to the necessity of assigning large numbers of law enforcement personnel to handle the picketing problems. He advised that four deputies sustained minor injuries on July 24, 1974, and that more deputies had sustained minor injuries July 26, 1974.

[REDACTED] advised that Mr. Howden and Mr. Gray (b)(7)(c) were observing picketing and law enforcement activities in the tomato fields during the early morning hours of July 26, 1974.



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-0-51) 3P

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UNSUBS; TOMATO PICKER PICKETS AND MEMBERS (UN-NAMED)  
OF UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA - COMPLAINANT; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU, JULY 26, 1974, CAPTIONED  
AS ABOVE.

AUSA WILLIAM B. SHUBB, SACRAMENTO, ADVISED HE HAD DISCUSSED  
CAPTIONED MATTER TELEPHONICALLY WITH [REDACTED] } (S)  
ON JULY 30, 1974. [REDACTED] STATED THEIR POSITION IN THIS MATTER  
WAS THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL AND THE SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE (SO) WAS BEING VIOLATED DUE TO THE INTIMIDATION OF  
SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL BY THE MEXICAN AMERICAN TOMATO PICKER  
PICKETS REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSIGNMENT TO THE PICKET  
SITES BEYOND NORMAL STRENGTH AND THEREBY ARE PREVENTING OTHER  
CITIZENS OF EQUAL PROTECTION OF LAW BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT  
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THAT THEY ARE NOT MEXICAN AMERICANS. SHUBB STATED HE INFORMED

[REDACTED] THAT HIS COMPLAINT WAS UNIQUE AND SUGGESTED [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)  
MAY DESIRE TO CONFER WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL J. STANLEY  
POTTINGER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION.

IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE STOCKTON RECORD NEWSPAPER, (b)(7)(c)  
[REDACTED] IS QUOTED AS STATING, "MY MEN ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO  
EXTENSIVE VERBAL ABUSE AND ARE HAVING TO GO TO EXTRAORDINARY MEANS  
TO PREVENT THE VIOLATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF  
OTHERS.

WE ARE BEING COMPELLED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE (AT THE TOMATO  
FIELDS) IN GREAT NUMBERS BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT  
OF PEOPLE AT THE SCENE. THIS DENIES THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO  
DEPUTY PROTECTION. THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED IS IN  
JEOPARDY."

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT [REDACTED] TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, (b)(7)(c)  
KNEW OF NO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FILING CIVIL RIGHTS  
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CHARGES IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS, AND WHEN ASKED AS TO WHAT KIND OF RELIEF THE (U.S.) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CAN PROVIDE,

[REDACTED] IS QUOTED AS STATING, "I AM NOT SURE. THIS IS KIND (b)(7)(c) OF A UNIQUE THING AND IT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY EXPLORED."

[REDACTED] # JULY (b)(7)(c) 30, 1974, ADVISED THAT INCIDENTS OCCURRING OUT OF THE TOMATO PICKER PICKETING WERE RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL ON JULY 27 THROUGH 29, 1974, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF PICKET ARRESTS ON TRESPASSING AND ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGES HAD BEEN MADE JULY 30, 1974. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MR. FRED GREY, REPRESENTATIVE (b)(7)(c) OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, HAS CONTINUED TO BE AN OBSERVER TO THE PICKETING ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF STOCKTON, AS OF JULY 30, 1974.

THE ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU IN THE EVENT INQUIRY IS RECEIVED.

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From: Director, FBI

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WORKERS UNION, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STOCKTON,  
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Department contacted and advised no further  
investigation should be conducted in this matter.

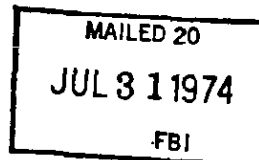
Sacramento immediately advise full facts as set  
forth in retel and conduct no further investigation.

NOTE: Per conversation with Departmental Attorney Frank  
Allen on 7/31/74.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 9/5/74

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
TOMATO PICKER PICKETS AND MEMBERS  
(UNNAMED) OF UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION;  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA - COMPLAINANT  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 8/5/74  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department. 44-  
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H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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